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FROM AMBASSADOR LODGE'S OFFICE

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SUBJECT: VATICAN-CZECH TALKS

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1. VATICAN NEGOTIATORS POGGI AND BUKOVSKY RETURNED TO ROME JULY 12 AFTER HOLDING TALKS IN PRAGUE JULY 5-9. THERE WAS NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED, BUT AGREED PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED INDEPENDENTLY BY PARTIES STATES THAT TALKS WERE HELD IN "OPEN ATMOSPHERE," THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON SOME ISSUES, THAT ON OTHER ISSUES THE TWO PARTIES WERE GETTING CLOSER, AND THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO RESUME TALKS AT A MUTUALLY AGREED DATE.

2. VATICAN SOURCE, WHO HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE US WITH MORE INFORMATION AT LATER DATE, HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF TALKS: RESULTS WERE BETTER THAN ANTICIPATED, CZECHS "APPEARED IN A HURRY" TO REACH AGREEMENT, AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN ROME IN EARLY OCTOBER. WITH REGARD TO STATEMENT THAT CZECHS APPEARED IN A HURRY TO REACH AGREEMENT, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT

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FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE, WHO IS KEEN OBSERVER OF VATICAN

OSTPOLITIK, TOLD US JULY 12 THAT HE HAD INFORMATION THAT USSR
HAD RECENTLY TOLD CZECHS TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN VATICAN
TALKS. BEAUDRY

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